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Dear Alan:

We have completed our systematic classification review of Department of State records in Records Group 59 for the period 1945-49. During the review we identified first the files which contained significant amounts of information of CIA interest and then focused our classification review on those files to identify individual documents and index cards which required continued protection. Documents that remained classified were tabbed and index cards still classified were withdrawn and replaced with temporary cards. As previously agreed, NARS personnel will take the necessary actions to protect the tabbed documents and will prepare sterile index cards to replace the ones we had withdrawn. Our personnel will then file the new cards to replace the originals. The specific records reviewed and the results of those reviews were as follows:

A. The Central Name Card Index - We pulled 1,265 index cards which referred to 604 persons. These cards remain classified and require continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c), intelligence activities, sources, or methods.

B. Source Card Indices.

1. From OSS to State and State to OSS (1945) - These indices contain no classified information from a CIA point of view. There are no separate files for the documents referred to in these indices.

2. From JCS to State and State to JCS (1945-46) - These indices contain no classified information from a CIA point of view. There are no separate files for the documents referred to in these indices.

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3. From CIG to State and State to CIG - Of the approximately 350 cards in this index, seven remain classified and require continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). The referenced documents were checked, they are located in various files, and were either missing or had already been withdrawn by NARS personnel as requiring continued protection.

4. From CIA to State and State to CIA - Of the approximately 250 cards in this index, 11 cards remain classified and require continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). The referenced documents were checked, they were located in various files, and were either missing or had already been withdrawn by NARS personnel as requiring continued protection.

C. Subject Card Indices and Files

1. Indices 103.918 and 103.91802 and their files - Of the 1,250 cards in these indices, we removed 17 cards which remain classified and require continued protection. We reviewed the seven boxes of files relating to these indices and tabbed approximately 50 documents which remain classified and require continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c) and 1-301(b).

2. Index 101.5 and File - These records consist of a 175-card index and two archives boxes of documents containing the related file. About 90% of the material refers to CIG and remains classified requiring continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). Because of the high percentage of classified material, we recommend that the entire index and file be withdrawn and protected.

3. Index 101.502 and File - These records consist of a 400-card index and one archives box of documents. Practically 100% of the material refers to CIG and remains classified requiring continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). We, therefore, recommend that the entire index and file be withdrawn and protected.

4. Indices 101.6 and 101.61 and Files - These records consist of about 1,000 index cards and a file of four and one-half archives boxes. About 90% of this material refers to CIA and remains classified requiring protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). We, therefore, recommend that the entire index and file be withdrawn and protected.

5. Index 101.6102 and File - Consists of about 800 index cards and two and one-half archives boxes of files. Practically 100% of this material relates to CIA and remains classified requiring continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). We, therefore, recommend that the entire index and file be withdrawn and protected.

6. Index 811-20200 and File - Consists of about 400 cards and four archives boxes of files. This appears to be a War Department general file with only minor references to SSU personnel assignments. Only four index cards were found that required continued classification and a check of the files revealed that NARS personnel essentially had already withdrawn all documents requiring continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). The four index cards should be protected and replaced with sterile substitute cards.

7. Indices 811.20200A and 811.20200B and Files - These indices, containing a total of 25 cards and their related files, contain no information requiring protection from a CIA point of view.

8. Index 811.20200(D) and File - The index contains about 11,400 cards and the files fill 81 archives boxes. These records contain an insignificant number of references to CIA or its predecessor organizations, and these are so inconsequential that we have no objection to the release of this material.

9. Index 811.20200(E) and File - Consists of about 200 index cards and a file contained in one archives box. Practically 100% of this material relates to CIA and remains classified requiring protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). We therefore request that the entire index and file be withdrawn and protected.

10. Index 811-20200(FAMILY) and File - Consists of about 700 index cards and a file contained in two archives boxes. At least 80% of the material relates to CIA and remains classified requiring continued protection under E.O. 12065, 1-301(c). We, therefore, request that the entire index and file be withdrawn and protected.

D. The 123 (Personnel) Dossiers - We have checked about thirty percent of the names of Agency people who might appear

in State personnel dossiers for the period 1945-49. About 75% of the names checked did not have a dossier and those that did had no compromising information in them. Nevertheless, we will check the remaining two-thirds of the names we have to insure that all are protected. We anticipate that only a minimal amount of material, if any, will be found that will require continued protection.

Please advise us when the sterile replacement cards have been prepared and our personnel will file them in the appropriate indices. If there are any questions concerning our joint actions in this matter please do not hesitate to contact us. Your cooperation and that of all the NARS personnel involved has been most appreciated.

Sincerely,



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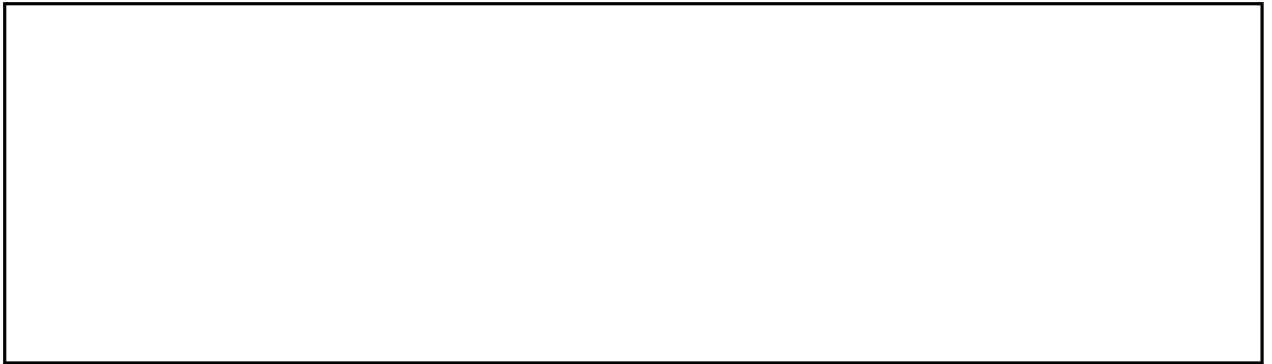
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The above files were used during the period to 1949. For the 1950-54 period it was determined that there is a 103.1102 file which is the successor to the 101.6102 file; and that file 711.5200(E) and file 711.5200(FAMILY) are the successors to 811.20200(E) and 811.20200(FAMILY) files.

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